

**H. R. 419.**

[No Report.]

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

DECEMBER 26, 1850.

MR. McCLEARNAND, by unanimous consent, introduced the following bill; which was read twice, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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**A BILL**

To re-organize and improve the efficiency of the Department of State.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-*  
2       *sentatives of the United States of America in Congress*  
3       *assembled,* That an officer shall be appointed in the State  
4       Department, by the Secretary of State, to be called the  
5       Assistant Secretary of State, whose salary shall be three  
6       thousand dollars per annum, who shall perform such du-  
7       ties as shall be assigned to him by the Secretary of State.

1       SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be  
2       lawful for the Secretary of State to employ, in addition to  
3       the clerks authorized by existing laws, four principal clerks,  
4       whose salaries, respectively, shall not exceed the sum of  
5       two thousand dollars per annum; and one clerk whose  
6       salary shall not exceed fourteen hundred dollars per an-  
7       num.